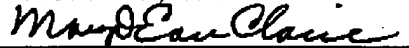

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the Notice of Abandonment mailed on October 15, 2004 be withdrawn in view of the timely filed Response to Notice To File Corrected Application Papers mailed on November 24, 2003. The following is a list of events that occurred prior to the issuance of the Notice of Abandonment.

Applicant acknowledges that a Notice To File Corrected Application Papers was issued by the Patent Office on September 25, 2003. In response to the outstanding Notice To File Corrected Application Papers, Applicant's attorney of record filed formal drawings that were

required in this application on November 24, 2003, a copy of which is attached hereto (Attachment A) as well as a copy of the returned, stamped postcard (Attachment B) showing receipt by the Patent Office. As procedure, the attorney of record's assistant prepared and filed the Response To Notice To File Corrected Application Papers by attaching and signing a certificate of mailing under 37 CFR §1.8 (Attachment C.)

As you can see by the above, Applicant's attorney made a good faith effort to respond by timely submitting replacement drawings within the time limit allotted and before the due date of November 25, 2003. Applicant earnestly requests that the Notice of Abandonment in this application be withdrawn and the application be reinstated and passed to examination in due course.

Should the Commissioner conclude that the application has gone abandoned, please treat this paper as a contingent Petition to Revive the Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). Any delay in filing formal drawings in the above-identified application was unintentional.

If this paper is treated as a Petition to Revive under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b), please charge deposit account 50-0388 in the amount of the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m). Please reference Atty. Docket No. CISC340 when charging the deposit account.

The undersigned, Jeffery K. Weaver being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application resulting therefrom.

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